ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 6 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

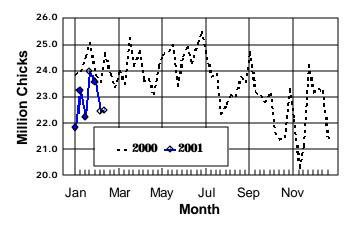
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 22.5 millionduring the week ending February 17, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week in 2000, but slightly above the revised previous week, and included 2.5 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through February 17, 2001 were 159.8 million, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.1 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but 1 percent above the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.6 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.1 percent.

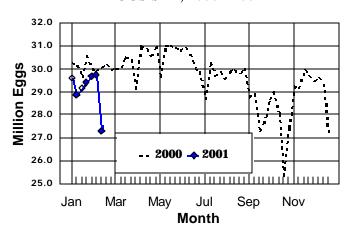
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 27.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 17, 2001, down 10 percent from the same period last year, and 8 percent below the previous week.

	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICK	S HATCI	HED	EGGS SET			
Week Ending	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	
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Jan. 13	24,581	23,255	95	25,232	23,689	94	29,653	28,905	97	
Jan. 20	25,127	22,233	88	25,132	22,086	88	30,636	29,167	95	
Jan. 27	23,841	24,001	101	25,051	24,010	96	29,971	29,413	98	
Feb. 3	23,588	23,584	100	24,709	23,577	95	29,942	29,702	99	
Feb. 10	24,678	22,457	91	25,350	23,864	94	30,083	29,752	99	
Feb. 17	23,844	22,484	94	24,722	24,147	98	30,248	27,307	90	

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2000 - 2001



EGGS SET, 2000 - 2001



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

	EGGS SE	T (in Thous	sands)			CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
Week Ending 1/					Week Ending						1/	
STATE	27 - Jan	03-Feb	10-Feb	17-Feb	%	13-Jan	20-Jan	27 - Jan	03-Feb	10-Feb	17-Feb	%
Alabama	27,306 *	27,668	28,021	28,323	106	21,435	20,726	20,586	21,082	20,714	20,568	100
ARKANSAS	29,413	29,702	29,752	27,307	90	23,255	22,233 *	24,001 *	23,584 *	22,457 *	22,484	94
Delaware	3,875	3,974	3,976	4,262	95	4,973	4,540	5,423	4,982	5,526 *	4,347	85
Florida	2,486	2,489	2,724	2,719	100	2,402	2,340	2,236	2,300	2,183	2,049	76
Georgia	30,646 *	30,381	30,786 *	31,104	101	24,214	24,653	24,407	24,213	24,709 *	24,440	97
Maryland	8,306	8,205	8,279	8,590	106	5,193	5,646	4,906	5,702	5,050 *	5,876	105
Mississippi	17,938	17,916	18,097	18,167	105	15,339	14,870	15,193	15,290	15,261	14,843	99
N. Carolina	16,856 *	17,866	18,514	17,760	101	14,634	14,466	13,727	14,658	13,768	13,585	110
Pennsylvania	3,643	3,826	3,410	3,614	101	2,709	2,541	2,763	2,687	2,469	2,726	96
S. Carolina	4,661	4,934	4,748	4,699	95	3,836	4,058	4,229	4,160	4,067	4,017	111
Texas	14,475	13,990	14,553	14,544	102	11,285	11,345	11,180	11,106	11,218	11,258	101
Virginia	6,591	6,582	6,558 *	6,607	101	5,254	5,273	5,322	4,758	5,291 *	5,526	103
CATN & W VA	11,180	11,387	11,371 *	11,486	105	9,341	9,587	9,940	10,255	10,527 *	9,565	96
Total 2000-2001	177,376 *	178,920	180,789 *	179,182		143,870	142,278 *	143,913 *	144,777 *	143,240 *	141,284	
Total 1999-2000	179,169	178,533	178,059	178,218		144,745	145,179	145,644	144,326	145,858	143,311	
% PREV. YEAR	99	100	102	101		99	98	99	100	98	99	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2001						03-Mar	10-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar	31-Mar	07-Apr	

^{*} Revised .

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 179 million eggs during the week ending February 17, 2001. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 141 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 17, 2001. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through February 17, 2001 were 1.00 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

^{1/} Current week as percent of the same week last year.